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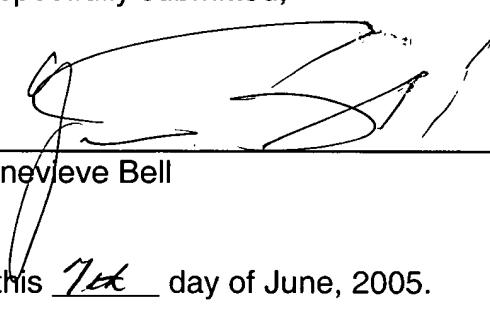
I, Genevieve Bell, first being duly sworn, do hereby state that:

1. I am one of the inventors of the above-referenced patent application.
2. I am an employee for Intel Corporation, the assignee of the above-referenced patent application.
3. Attached is a true copy of the original invention disclosure for this invention. This invention disclosure documents my invention. I prepared the invention disclosure prior to September 21, 2001. The invention disclosure was witnessed by my supervisor, fellow Intel employee Eric Dishman on September 21, 2001. The invention disclosure establishes a date of conception of my invention no later than September 21, 2001. This date is earlier than the effective date of the cited Gennetten et al. reference (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0081950 A1), filed on October 31, 2001, and published on May 1, 2003.
4. The invention disclosure was submitted to the Intel legal department for processing according to Intel's normal business practices.

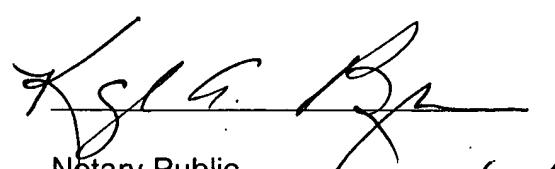
5. The patent application for my invention was filed on January 3, 2002, thereby establishing a date of constructive reduction to practice for the invention.
6. During the period from the date of submission of the invention disclosure on September 24, 2001, to the filing date of January 3, 2002, the invention disclosure was diligently processed by the inventors and other employees of Intel according to the normal business practices of Intel Corporation.
7. The invention disclosure was received by the Intel patent database group on September 24, 2001, and a file was opened for this invention on November 12, 2001.
8. On December 10, 2001, I met with an Intel patent attorney, Steven Skabrat, to discuss my invention. Subsequent to this time, I diligently worked with Steven Skabrat in providing information about the invention and in reviewing drafts of the patent application until filing of the application on January 3, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 6/7/05


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2. Title of Invention: Authenticam

3. What technology/product/process (code name) does it relate to (be specific if you can):
Digital Photography

4. Include several key words to describe the technology area of the invention in addition to # 3 above: Digital Photography, Security, Authentication, Encryption

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uthenticam Description

Describe in detail what the components of the invention are and how the invention works.

The "authenticam" is a system/service that provides users of the system with a means providing some certainty as to the origin of a digital picture.

The "authenticam" system comes in a number components. These are a camera, a software viewer application/plug-ins and secure file format. These components are described below.

The "authenticam" camera is a digital camera, which allows the users to take photographs in similar way to existing digital cameras. However as the picture is being written to memory it is encoded in a secure format to memory within the camera. As well as image data being stored with each picture meta data such as name of camera owner, focal distance, white levels, f-stop and date and time are also encrypted with the image file. If GPS (global positioning system) were included location data could also be recorded.

In order to view the pictures a user will be required to attach the camera to a computer and upload the image files from the camera to the computer. The user must then use the "authenticam" viewer or browser to view the images. Because the file is encrypted as it is stored to memory within the camera it becomes extremely difficult to alter or manipulate the image. This provides the basic level of security for photographs.

Meta data is also available to be read within the viewer this also gives added assurance that this is a genuine picture of the subject taken. For example it would be possible to detect the difference between taking a picture of a photograph of a boat and actually taking a picture of a boat directly by comparing image meta data with the lighting conditions or focal distance required to take a picture of the subject. This provides a second level of security - forensic evidence - for photographs.

It is likely that "authenticam" pictures would be viewed in many applications such as Photoshop or web-browsers. An "authenticam" plug-in could be provided that would allow other applications to view or copy "authenticam" pictures to other formats. Of course once an "authenticam" picture is saved to JPEG for instance it loses its

authentication to being a "genuine photograph".

In order to allow for manipulation of "authenticam" pictures (eg cropping, colorizing etc) and to maintain the secure format a separate secure tool could be developed that would record the original file along with a full audit trail of alterations.

2. Describe advantage(s) of your invention over what is done now.

Currently it is very difficult to discern if a photograph has been manipulated or if the photograph is a genuine representation of the object taken.

This invention attempts to provide some evidence to support a photograph claim to authenticity in three ways:

First any file viewed with the "authenticam" viewer must have been taken with an "authenticam" camera. Currently realistic photographic renderings can be produced on a computer without any corresponding "real" scene and there is no obvious way to tell the difference between a true photograph and some computer renderings and this situation is likely to become worse as it becomes easier to create realistic computer rendering and alterations of images. The "authenticam" system addresses this problem by creating a system where only "authenticam" cameras are allowed to create "authenticam" files.

Second the lighting conditions and other metadata (for example location, date, time, camera owner identification) are stored along with the image. This provides further evidence that the picture is genuine.

Third all the meta data and image data is strongly encrypted making it extremely difficult to fake a photograph and also to alter or manipulate an image once it has been taken by an "authenticam" camera.

Potential uses for this system include:

- presentation of evidence in court cases
- authenticam photographs on websites such as ebay guarantee that the image has not been altered

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existing line of cameras while also extending
and evolving from our current product range.
The invention also plays to Intel brand
strengths such as strong technology,
reliability and security.

Alternatively Intel could seed a new business
built upon this idea.

A third alternative would be to create a
worldwide standard for secure photography
that many camera manufacturers would
subscribe to and increase interest in using P4
processors for digital imaging in general.

5. Explain how your invention is novel. If
the technology itself is not new,
explain what makes it different.

It is possible to encrypt photographs using
current software however the uniqueness of
this invention comes from closely coupling a
camera to software encryption.

This enables a holistic system that is able to
protect the integrity of image from capture to
display and dissemination and establish a
trusted brand that could be associated with
secure photography.

Currently watermarking within images is used
to prevent unauthorised copying and limit
distribution. This invention uses coded
information within an image to certify its origin
and authenticity.

6. Identify the closest or most pertinent
prior art that you are aware of.

Digimarc – electronic watermarking of
images. Except this is used to track
unauthorised copying of an image rather than
verify its authenticity.

Use of electronic signatures.

camera writes
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Potential Users:

Digital Camera Manufacturers
Providers of Internet tools and browsers
Providers of Image Manipulation tools

Infringement Detection:

If a company is seen to be offering an end to end solution for secure digital photography particularly incorporating immediate encryption of image data and meta data within a camera's memory then the company will be deemed to have infringed the patent.

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